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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1926.

A STATESMANLIKE SPEECH.

The speech of Premier Baxter in closing the debate on the Address in the Legislature yesterday, was one of the ablest and most statesmanlike the House has listened to in many years. It was his first contribution to a debate in the House as leader of the Government and will rank as perhaps the greatest of his long political career. There was an unusually large attendance of spectators and if they expected from the Premier a fiery onslaught on the Opposition leader and his following, they must have been grievously disappointed. The Premier contented himself with presenting the case of the government to the House and country and did it in a masterly way, delighting his followers and adding many new admirers to his already long list. Although he spoke almost without the aid of notes he had his matter well in hand, marshalled his facts with great skill and drove home his arguments with sledge hammer force. As becoming a man of large calibre he tabooed petty issues and dealt with large questions of concern to the people.

As was to be expected the Premier devoted considerable attention to the Grand Falls project which is the most important matter confronting the people of this province at the present time. He said that the voters at the late election had emphatically declared against "financial insanity", and "wild catting" and the government had taken heed of the verdict. They had been able to enter into an arrangement by which the development of Grand Falls will be carried on without one dollar of cost to the people of the province. In regard to the contract entered into by the old government with the International Paper Company he quoted the opinion of Mr. W. N. Tilley, an eminent corporation lawyer of Toronto, to the effect that it could not be enforced and was non-enforceable. He also quoted Mr. H. G. Acres of Toronto, the hydro engineer employed by the old government, to the effect that his advice had been disregarded in the agreement made by the old government with the International Paper Company. In simple yet forcible language the Premier justified the action taken by the government with respect to Grand Falls development, and did not hesitate to say that the people by their verdict in August last had rescued the province from financial disaster.

The Premier made a frank statement regarding the liquor problem, which was very attentively listened to. He said that the promise made by the government to give the prohibition act a fair trial would be carried out and that in the discharge of his duties the Chief Inspector had been given a free hand. He added however, that high duties on imported liquors made the task of suppressing rum runners and bootleggers an exceedingly difficult one and he was inclined to the opinion that they would continue to function no matter how energetic the authorities might be. He gave some good advice to prohibitionists when he told them not to neglect moral suasion and depend too much on the weaker arm of the law. His remarks on the liquor problem were timely and should be heeded by those who lose no opportunity to berate governments because prohibition does not prohibit and at the same time neglect to do their part towards the promotion of real temperance.

As we have stated before Hon. Mr. Baxter did not abandon the Federal for the Provincial field merely to gratify a political ambition, but to render service to his fellow citizens. He enjoys the absolute confidence of a large following in the Legislature, and here is no question in regard to his sincerity in the task he has undertaken—to give New Brunswick a sound, honest, progressive and business-like administration.

PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

Facing a deficit of three quarters of a million dollars from the financial operations of the province last year, and with important public services which have got to be kept up, it is a trifle difficult to see just how the government is going to make ends meet during the present year without resorting to some new method of taxation.

tion. The people have got to provide the necessary revenue to enable the government to be carried on. All are of one mind in regard to this, but there will be difference of opinion as to how that revenue should be raised. It does not seem to be good business to balance the budget on paper and then expend \$487,000 more than the receipts as was done last year. Neither is it good business to pare the estimates to the bone, and then rush out and expend money not authorized by vote of the Legislature. If there is going to be a deficit for the fiscal year, which is already five months along, we cannot see that anything is to be gained by concealing it from the people until January of next year. On the other hand a deficit acknowledged at the start might make it easier for the government to practice economy during the balance of the year.

Hon. Mr. Leger, the new Provincial Secretary-Treasurer in bringing down his budget this week will be well advised if he planks his cards right down on the table face upwards.

Premier Baxter made the chivalrous statement in the House yesterday that so far as his investigations went he had found no evidence of wrong doing on the part of the late government and he had no scandals to drag forth. No opponent of the Premier ever accused him of being a scandal merger of a muck raker. That sort of thing is not to his taste.

According to Premier Baxter's dissection of the contract entered into by the late government with the International Paper Company it was a sort of jug handled affair.

* THROUGH OUR SIEVE *

If the calendar is ever changed it ought to be done in the winter.

Many don't seem to care what they drink, so it isn't water.

Lima Beane says the great tragedy of life is that too often it is "ours not to reason why."

So live that you wouldn't be ashamed of your own obituary if it were honestly written.

Premier Briand is a sort of rubber ball statesman. When he falls he bounces back into the old job.

Butter and egg men are seriously objecting to being incorporated in popular vaudeville songs. They're satisfied with the lay of the hen.

Quick turnovers are the rule with much Florida real estate. And some of it is the same on both sides, as Irvin Cobb said of the worm.

Here we are, on the brow of spring, and there has not been a clinker in the furnace all winter long.

A new word, when there is absolute need of one, always seems forthcoming. "Blah" is an example. What a lot of argument it can dispose of in short order.

Who remembers those little box-like coffee mills? You held them between your knees and turned a crank and the ground coffee dropped into a small wooden drawer. That's all, except they made a noise like a flivver going into second.

Death in Marysville.

Mrs. Rebecca Sullivan wife of James Sullivan of Marysville died at her home Tuesday aged forty-six years. Surviving are her husband, four sons Clifford, Emery, Theodore and Leonard and five daughters Mrs. Cecil Gorman and Misses Grace, Bernice, Gleornia and Ida. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon with players at the home at 2 p. m. and service at All Saints' Church at 2.40 p. m. Rev. N. P. Fairweather officiating. Interment will be made in the churchyard.

Clergyman Registered

Rev. Eugene C. Stiff of Lord's Cove, Charlotte County, Church of Christ, Disciples, has been registered to solemnize marriage in the Province of New Brunswick.

DIED

SULLIVAN—At Marysville on the 23rd inst., Rebecca beloved wife of James Sullivan, aged 46 years. Funeral, Thursday. Prayers at the home at 2 p. m. Service by Rev. Mr. Fairweather at 2.40 p. m. at All Saints Church. Interment in the churchyard.

DELIGHTED ANOTHER LARGE AUDIENCE

The second night of the presentation of "The Servant in the House" by the Little Theatre Group at the Capitol also drew a good sized audience. This play of Charles Rann Kennedy's with its allegorical significance proved an excellent vehicle for the ability of Mr. Steve Hurley and also for the cast composed of local amateurs. With almost no exception they had appeared previously in local performances. Mrs. N. Sheraton as the Vicar's Wife had the principal female role and it was in excellent hands. Karl Bishop as the Vicar had an exacting part to which he did justice. Mr. Hurley as Manson the Servant was cast in a part to which he was eminently suited. The same was true of Dugald Tozer. Miss Mary Goulding as Mary the Niece did full justice to a difficult part. William Shea as the deaf Bishop of Lancashire and Stuart Sypher as the Page were also good.

The play being a Lenten performance the specialties were unusual in form. They were as follows:

Harmony Male Chorus—Messrs. Roy Farnell, Robin Munroe, Max Hunter, Percy Day, Gordon Ferguson Kilburn Smith, Ralph Simpson, Borden DeLong, Ralph DeLong, Wilbur Brown, John McMinnam, Gordon Foster.

Soloists—Roy Farnell, Percy Day, Kilburn Smith.

Humbers—"Keep Smiling." "Sitting on Top of the World." "Riley's Cowshed."

Boys' Choir—John E. Black, Stuart McKnight, John S. Gerald, Wm. C. Quarterman, Ralph Davenport, Geo. Oils, Jas. Sheraton, Patrick Sheraton, Leslie E. Simms, Donald Cummings, John Staples.

(a) "Lead Kindly Light."—New man.

(b) "Angels We have Heard."—Marlon.

SCOTCH SETTLEMENT.

Scotch Settlement, March 24—The death occurred on a Sunday morning March 13th at the home of his daughter Mrs. Garner McGibbon, of Douglas of Samuel L. Allen, after nearly a year's suffering from cancer. Mr. Allen was a life-long resident of this place and one who was respected by all with whom he came in contact. The funeral service was conducted at the school house at this place by Rev. Mr. Corey assisted by Rev. C. Moore. The Macnaquac Choir was in attendance and sang those beautiful hymns "The Pearly White City", "Will the Circle be Unbroken", "We'll Never Say Good-bye in Heaven" and "Abide With Me" after which the remains were laid to rest in the graveyard here. The orangemen of which the deceased was a member marched to the graveyard and held a very impressive service at the grave.

Non-support Case Adjourned

Dow Stairs of Lower Southampton was arrested on a warrant by Constable A. F. Yerxa and was brought here to appear before the police court this morning. Adjournment was made until the 30th and the accused was allowed to go on recognizance.

Notice of Legislation

Notice is hereby given that application will be made at this Session of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick by the City of Fredericton, for the passing of an Act relating to the assessment of rates and taxes in the said City.

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C. FRED CHESTNUT,
City Clerk.

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Tender for Contract No. 70, "Spreading gravel on highway from Fredericton to McIntosh Creek," a distance of 5.1 miles.

Tender for Contract No. 71, "Gravel for Loch Lomond Road, Kanes Corner to Silver Falls," a distance of 2.1 miles. Blank forms of tender and any further information required may be obtained at the office of the Chief Road Engineer, Fredericton, N. B.

A certified cheque payable to the Honorable Provincial Secretary-Treasurer must accompany each tender. The amount of such cheque to be as follows:

For Contract No. 70 \$200.00

For Contract No. 71 \$500.00

Such cheque will be forfeited in case tenderer fails to complete his obligation. The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

D. A. STEWART,

Minister of Public Works.

Dept. of Public Works,
F'ton, N. B., March 15, 1926.

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